

## City of Hamilton - Heritage Permit Application Note Sheet

**Address:** City Right-of-Way on James Street South, Hamilton (Durand-Markland HCD, Part V)

**Permit Number:** HP2025-002

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**Owner:** City of Hamilton

**Applicant/Agent:** Ian Hoaran, Forestry Investigator, City of Hamilton

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### Description of proposed alterations:

- Removal of a Sugar Maple tree in the City right-of-way due to unsafe conditions; and,
- Planting of a replacement Armstrong Maple tree in the same location as the Sugar Maple tree to be removed.

*Note: This permit is retroactive due to the emergency nature of the tree removal.*

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### Reasons for proposed alterations:

- City Forestry staff determined that the trunk of the Sugar Maple tree was rotting and on the verge of splitting. It required immediate removal due to public safety.
  - The tree is located in the City right-of-way in front of 268 James Street South.
  - This portion of the street is included in the Durand-Markland Heritage Conservation District, but the private property municipally-addressed as 268 James Street South is designated separately under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* by By-law Number 86-313.
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### Documentation submitted with application:

- Heritage Permit application form
  - Photographs
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### Draft Conditions for Consideration:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> That any minor changes to the replanting of the replacement tree following approval shall be submitted, to the satisfaction and approval of the Director of Planning and Chief Planner, prior to the commencement of any alterations.</li></ul> |
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## **Relevant HCD Policies (By-law No. 94-184)**

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### 2.2 Street Trees

In the Durand-Markland Heritage Conservation District, the mature street trees contribute significantly to the historic character of the area. These highly visible landscape features change both seasonally with leaf break and leaf drop and gradually over many years as the trees mature. As a result, the appearance of the neighbourhood varies dramatically depending on the time of year. This change adds significant visual interest and scenic amenity to the streetscape.

### 5.2 Tree Care

Many of the existing street trees in the District are, for the most part, entering the mature phase of their life-span. Although no survey work was undertaken on private property, mature trees are just as susceptible, as public street trees, to changes in their growing environment caused by new paving for driveways or front yard parking spaces, or pruning for overhead wires. Trees should be regularly fertilized and monitored to ensure that broken or diseased branches are removed. Furthermore, pruning of existing trees for whatever purposes should be undertaken in such a way that the original form of the canopy is maintained as much as possible.

## Photographs



Figure 1: Location of property and tree to be removed, marked with a red star

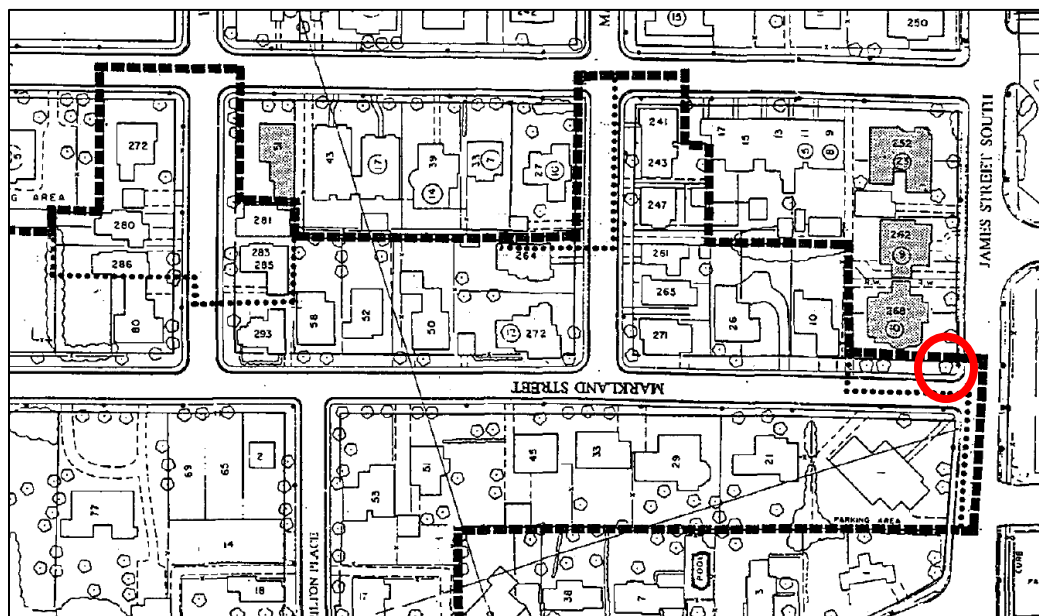


Figure 2: Excerpt from By-law No. 94-184, designating the Durand-Markland Heritage Conservation District boundary, with the location of the tree outlined in red



Figure 3: Tree to be removed looking west from James Street South, outlined in red. The front elevation of 268 James Street South is on the right.



Figures 4 and 5: Photographs of the Sugar Maple flagged for immediate removal.



Figure 6: Additional proof of the rotting trunk and tree starting to split.